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THE BUTLERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Butler family of which this genealogical sketch treats while not a colonial family of this state of many years standing, yet with the record of its members has marked the history of the state at every epoch of its statehood. The family is supposed to have come from Ireland and its members to have been related to Pierce Butler, one of the first two senators from South Carolina to the Congress of the United States; but recent investigations seem to establish the fact that the progenitor of this family had been in Virginia for quite a period prior to the arrival in South Carolina of Pierce Butler, as an officer of King George's army. The first of these Butlers of whom there is record is William Butler, who lived and died in Prince William County, Virginia, arriving there from Ireland at the latest about 1737. He there married a Miss Mason by whom he had issue :

1. James Butler, *b.* about 1738; *d.* Nov. 7, 1781.
2. Sarah Butler.
3. Susan Butler.

James Butler, the founder of the family in South Carolina, came from Virginia with his wife, children and two sisters a few years before the Revolutionary War, but at what exact date is not known.¹ He seems to have been a man of experience and to have been accorded a position of leadership

¹ There is mention made of a trader Butler who had long been with the Indians, returning with them to Ninety Six after visiting Governor Glen in 1753. (Chapman's *History of Edgefield*, p. 8.)

Ogeechee Old Town was the residence of one of the most influential chiefs beyond the Savannah who traded at Ninety Six. (Ibid, p. 177.)

In 1763 James Butler, Jr., of St. Philip's Parish, on great Ogeechee, makes a transfer of land in So. Ca. (Book A 3, p. 468, M. C. R., Charleston Co.)

among his neighbors. He joined the "Snow Camp" expedition under Colonel Richardson and led a company under Colonel Williamson against the Cherokees. In 1779 he served under General Lincoln and upon refusing to swear allegiance to the British on the fall of Charles Town was arrested and imprisoned; first at Ninety Six and later aboard ship in Charles Town harbor. Soon after his release, with his young son James, he was killed at Cloud's Creek in an encounter with a band of Tories led by William Cuninghame. By his marriage with Mary Simpson James Butler had issue :

1. William Butler, *b.* Dec. 17, 1759; *d.* Sept. 1821.
2. James Butler, *b.* Mch. 2, 1761; *d.* Nov. 7, 1781.
3. Thomas Butler, *b.* Nov. 4, 1763.
4. Nancy Butler, *b.* Sept. 27, 1765.
5. Elizabeth Butler, *b.* Dec. 17, 1766.
6. Stanmore Butler, *b.* Dec. 17, 176—.
7. Sampson Butler, *b.* Febry. 6, 1769.
8. Mason Butler, *b.*

William Butler, the eldest son of James Butler, was born in Prince William County, Virginia, Dec. 17, 1759, and was but thirteen years of age when, with his father's family, he came to South Carolina. Before his majority he served under General Lincoln at the battle of Stono as a lieutenant and afterwards under Count Pulaski. He also served under General Pickens at Augusta and Ninety Six and under Watson and Ryan at Dean Swamp and Orangeburgh. He was made a captain of Mounted Rangers in February, 1781, within two months after coming of age, and in a year had become a man of recognized reputation and influence.¹ He surprised and

¹ High Hills Santee, Nov. 24, 1781.

Dear Sir

Some time since I heard of your intention of entering the service but more particularly from Mr Carnes who promised to do me the favor to speak to you on the occasion. From the throng of business and the want of opportunity I have never had it in my power to write to you until the present period. You have no doubt been informed of the

dispersed in 1782 the invading band of Tories which, under the famous William Cunningham, had penetrated the Up-Country and in the hot pursuit which ensued that notorious partisan leader owed his life to the fleetness of his horse. In 1788 William Butler was chosen as a member of the convention of the state of South Carolina called to consider the adoption of the Federal Constitution, against which he voted. He also was a member of the convention of 1790 which framed the constitution of the State. He was elected by the Legislature Sheriff of the District of Ninety Six in 1791, and in that capacity received General Washington. In 1796 he was elected a major-general of militia.¹ In 1800 he was elected as a member of Congress and served until 1810 when he retired in favor of John C. Calhoun. In 1812 he was offered the position of brigadier-general in the United States service² which he declined. In 1814 he was given command³ of all State forces in South Carolina.⁴ By his marriage on June 3, 1784, with Behethland Foote Moore he had issue :

1. James Butler, *b.* Mch. 25, 1785; *d.* 1817.
2. George Butler, *b.* Sept. 25, 1786; *d.* Sept. 19, 1826.

nature of the service with the particular establishment of my Regiment, therefore need say nothing on that head. I shall only say I have reserved for you an appointment as Captain which is all that is in my power; however by your filling the first company (which from your known influence I think you'll do) you will be entitled to first rank and in that case it will not be long before you will be entitled to a majority. It is therefore necessary that you lose no time in having your company filled. By the first conveyance I shall send further directions and advices from dear Sir

Your obedient humble servant
H Hampton

To Capt William Butler. (Gibbes's *Documentary History*, p. 217.)

¹ On the recommendation of General Pickens. (Sketch of life of Gen. Wm. Butler, by Senator A. P. Butler, p. 13.)

² Offered by President Madison. (Ibid, p. 14.)

³ Order of Governor Allston on file in Washington. (Ibid, p. 14.)

⁴ General Jackson, with whom he was intimate in early life, then at New Orleans, sent him word that while both were militia generals which ever was attacked would do his duty. (Ibid, p. 14.)

3. William Butler, *b.* Febry. 1, 1790; *d.* Sept. 24, 1850.
4. Frank M. Butler, *b.* Sept. 25, 1793; *d.* Aug. 9, 1827.
5. Andrew P. Butler, *b.* Nov. 18, 1796; *d.* May 25, 1857.
6. Pierce M. Butler, *b.* April 11, 1798; *d.* Aug. 20, 1847.
7. Emmala Butler, *b.* Aug. 24, 1800; *d.* May 24, 1848.
8. Leontine Butler, *b.* April 8, 1802; *d.* Sept. 8, 1827.

James Butler, the eldest son of General William Butler, was born March 25, 1785. He held the position of Sheriff of his district and was a colonel in the State militia. He married twice. By his first wife, a Miss Mays, he had no children. By his second wife, Eliza Kennerly, he had issue :

1. William Pulaski Butler, *b.* 1816; *d.* 1893.
2. Thomas P. Butler, *b.* 1818; *d.* 1863.

William Pulaski Butler was born in 1816, and married Laura Nance, of Newberry, by whom he had issue :

1. Talulah Behethland Butler, *b.* *d.*
2. Anna Leontine Butler, *b.* *d.*
3. Benjamin Waldo Butler, *b.* *d.*
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Talulah Behethland Butler married Erasmus Mims, by whom she had issue.

Anna Leontine Butler married Dr. Walter Nicholson, of Edgefield County, by whom she had issue.

Benjamin Waldo Butler was born . . . He married . . . Lives in Virginia.

Thomas Pickens Butler was born in 1818. He married Sarah Stone by whom he had issue :

1. Thomas Pickens Butler, *b.* *d.*
2. Sallie M. Butler, *b.* *d.*

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| 3. Hettie L. Butler, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 4. Emma Butler, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 5. Henri Butler, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |

Thomas Pickens Butler was born
He was killed during the Confederate war.

Sallie M. Butler married ———— Mallard, by whom
she had issue :

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| 1. John Mallard, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 2. Thomas Mallard, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 3. Eva Mallard, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |

Hettie L. Butler married Julius Lucas by whom she had
issue.

Emma Butler married Edmund Bacon by whom she had
issue.

Henri Butler was born
He married Lucy Lucas by whom he had issue.

George Butler, the second son of General William Butler,
was born September 25, 1786. He was a major in the
United States Army during the war of 1812. He resigned
his commission in 1815 and was admitted to the bar in South
Carolina. He died childless, at his residence on Saluda
River, September 19, 1826.

William Butler, the third son of General William Butler,
was born February 1, 1790. He graduated at the South
Carolina College, and served as a surgeon in the United States
Navy, being present in that capacity at the battle of New
Orleans. Later he resigned from the navy and practiced
medicine in the State, moving to Greenville in 1825. In
1849 he was appointed Agent to the Cherokees and moved
to Arkansas, where he died September 21, 1850. By his

marriage, December 22, 1819, with Jane Tweedy Perry, a sister of Commodore Perry, he had issue :

1. *b.* *d.*
2. *b.* *d.*
3. George Butler, *b.* Oct. 24, 1823; *d.* about 1875.
4. A daughter, *b.* *d.*
5. Behethland F. Butler, *b.* May 2, 1827; *d.*
6. Christopher R. P. Butler, *b.* Aug. 26, 1829; *d.* Nov. 1, 1853.
7. William Butler, *b.* April 15, 1831; *d.*
8. James L. Butler, *b.* Sept. 28, 1832; *d.* Febry. 20, 1866.
9. Pickens P. Butler, *b.* Mch. 24, 1834; *d.*
10. Matthew C. Butler, *b.* March 8, 1836.
11. Sally W. Butler, *b.* 1837.
12. Emmala F. Butler, *b.* Dec. 11, 1838.
13. Thomas O. L. Butler, *b.* April 29, 1841; *d.* July 2, 1863.
14. Elise W. L. Butler, *b.* July 28, 1842.
15. Oliver N. Butler, *b.* Sept. 4, 1844.

George Butler was born Oct. 24, 1823. He settled in Missouri at an early date, and there married Nanny Thurston. On the death of his father in 1850 he succeeded him by appointment as agent of the Cherokees, which appointment he held until the outbreak of the Confederate war, in which he served as a captain under General Sterling Price. After his wife's death he came back to South Carolina, and married Fannie Townes, of Greenville, by whom he had one daughter:

1. Jane Tweedy Butler, *b.* *d.* about 1876.

Upon the death of his second wife he again married and settled on Savannah River, near Augusta, where he was killed in a collision with a neighbor. By his third wife he had issue :

1. Mary Hughes Butler, *b.* *d.* 1895.

Behethland Foote Butler was born May 2, 1827. In 1849 she went with her parents to the West and there met Charles William Woodward of Philadelphia, whom she married.

Christopher Raymond Perry Butler was born August 26, 1829. He was a first lieutenant in the 2d U. S. Artillery, and died of yellow fever at Tampa, Florida, Nov. 1, 1853.

William Butler was born April 15, 1831. He held the commission of a lieutenant in the United States Army but at the outbreak of hostilities resigned and entered the Confederate service, where he became colonel of the 1st Regiment of regulars and subsequently brigadier-general. On June 22, 1861, he married Eugenia Ransom, of North Carolina, by whom he had issue :

1. May Butler, *b.*
2. Lill Butler, *b.*
3. William Butler, *b.*
4. Raymond Butler, *b.*

James Leontine Butler was born Sept. 28, 1832. He raised a company mostly of Cherokees at the outbreak of hostilities in 1861, and served as a captain under General Sterling Price in the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederate States for the greater portion of the war, but towards the close acted as a scout in the Carolinas and Virginia. He died at Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, February 20, 1866. On December 29, 1851, he married Fannie Taylor, of the Cherokee Nation, by whom he had issue :

1. Eloise Butler, *b.*
2. George Butler, *b.*

Eloise Butler married Chief Bushy Head, of the Cherokee Nation.

George Butler resides in the Indian Territory.

Pickens Pierce Butler was born March 24, 1834. He is a physician of Union County, S. C. He married Arsinoe Marcella Jeter, on October 18, 1860, by whom he had issue :

1. Perry Butler, *b.* about 1862; *d.* 1894.
2. Elise Butler, *b.*
3. Thomas Bothwell Butler, *b.*
4. William Butler, *b.*
5. Leon Butler, *b.*
6. Jeter Butler, *b.*

Elise Butler married ——— Foster, and lives in Pickens County.

Thomas Bothwell Butler is State Senator from Cherokee County.

William Butler is farming in Union County.

Leon Butler is farming in Union County.

Jeter Butler is at Asheville, N. C.

Matthew Calbraith Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, March 8, 1836. He became a prominent member of the bar of Edgefield and went into the Confederate war as captain of the Edgefield Hussars in the Hampton Legion. His horse was killed under him, and he lost a leg at the battle of Brandy Station. He rose to the rank of major-general in the Confederate army. In 1877 he was elected U. S. Senator from South Carolina, which position he held until 1895. On February 25, 1858, he married Maria Simkins Pickens, a daughter of Governor Francis W. Pickens, by whom he had issue :

1. Francis W. P. Butler.
2. Marie Butler.
3. William Butler.
4. Elise Butler.
5. Matthew Calbraith Butler.

Sally Wallace Butler was born 1837.
She married ——— Rutherford, by whom she had issue :

1. Jane George Rutherford.
2. Samuel M. Rutherford.
3. William B. Rutherford.
4. Eloise M. Rutherford.
5. Robert B. Rutherford.
6. Emma Elise Rutherford.
7. Raymond P. Rutherford.
8. Ethland B. Rutherford.

Emmala Frances Butler was born Dec. 11, 1838, and intermarried, at Eagle's Crag, July 1, 1856, with Andrew J. Stone, by whom she had issue :

1. Jesse Stone.
2. Thomas P. Stone.
3. Andrew T. Stone.

Thomas O. Lowndes Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, April 29, 1841, and was killed at Gettysburg July 2, 1863.

Elise Wragg Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, July 28, 1842. She married Charles A. Carson June 8, 1870, by whom she had issue :

1. Elise Carson.
2. Butler Carson.
3. Charles A. Carson.
4. Thomas Carson.
5. Nathaniel Carson.

Oliver Nathaniel Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, Sept. 4, 1844. Entered the Confederate service and served through the war to the surrender, losing an arm just before Appomattox. He married Mary Spence, of Baltimore, Maryland. He died ————.

Issue :

1. Jennie Butler.
2. Mary Butler.
3. William W. Butler, *b.* *d.* before his father.

Frank Moore Butler was born Sept. 25, 1793. He was a colonel in the militia of the state and a member of the South Carolina bar. Twice married. By his second wife, Louise Ford, he had issue :

1. George Lucien Butler, *b.* Oct. 6, 1817; *d.* July 4, 1880.
2. Frank Moore Butler, *b.* July 23, 1821; *d.* Aug. 8, 1827.
3. Harriet Ford Butler, *b.* Feby. 23, 1823.
4. James Joseph Butler, *b.* May 2, 1826; *d.* April, 1854.

George Lucien Butler was born Oct. 6, 1817, and died July 4, 1880.

Frank Moore Butler was born July 23, 1821, and died August 8, 1827.

Harriet Ford Butler was born February 23, 1823. She intermarried with William Pinckney McBee June 16, 1846, by whom she had issue :

1. Frank Butler McBee, *b.* July 5, 1847.
2. Vardry Echols McBee, *b.* July 27, 1849
3. Malinda P. McBee, *b.* Jany. 7, 1854.
4. Enmala L. McBee, *b.* Jany. 2, 1856.

James Joseph Butler was born May 2, 1826. He married Sarah R. Gillison, December, 1849. He died April, 1854. By this marriage he had issue :

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- 2.
3. Louisa Ford Butler, *b.* June 30, 1852.

Louisa Ford Butler was born June 30, 1852. She married with Dr. Waddy Thompson June 30, 1880, by whom she had issue :

1. Loula McBee Thompson, *b.* Nov. 5, 1881.

Andrew Pickens Butler was born Nov. 18, 1796. He graduated at the South Carolina College in 1817; was admitted to the bar in 1819; was elected to the Legislature and from the State Senate was raised to the Bench in 1833. In 1846 he was elected a member of the United States Senate. Reëlected without opposition, and a member at the time of his death in 1857. Senator Butler was twice married. His first wife, Susan Ann Simkins, died childless. By his second wife, Harriet Hayne, he had issue :

1. Eloise Brevard Butler, *b.* June 10, 1834.

Eloise Brevard Butler was born June 10, 1834. On Nov. 21, 1856, she married Johnson Hagood, by whom she had issue :

1. Harriet Behethland Hagood.
2. Pickens Butler Hagood was born 1857.

Pierce Mason Butler was born April 11, 1798. He was an officer in the United States Army, but resigned to return to South Carolina. He was governor, 1836-1838, and, later, Agent to the Cherokees, which position he held when elected to command the Palmetto Regiment in the Mexican War. He was killed at the battle of Churubusco, leaning upon his sword while still leading his regiment after having had his leg shattered, August 20, 1847. He married Miranda Julia Duval, of Maryland, by whom he had issue :

1. Behethland Butler, *b.* 1829; *d.* 1852.
2. Emmala E. Butler, *b.* 1831.
3. William L. Butler, *b.* *d.* Sept. 20, 1863.
4. Pierce Mason Butler.
5. Andrew Pickens Butler.
6. Edward Julian Butler

Behethland Butler was born about 1829. On the 30th. of March, 1852, she married John Edmund Bacon, and died shortly after.

Emmala Elizabeth Butler was born 1831, and, Nov. 25, 1851, *m.* Abner Perrin, of Abbeville. She died in 1862. By her marriage she had issue :

1. Pierce Perrin.
2. Robert Perrin.

William Lowden Butler was born
He was major of the 19th. Louisiana Volunteers, and killed at Chicamauga, Sept. 20, 1863, while in command, leading the regiment into action.

Pierce Mason Butler was born
He died in Louisiana. He served in the Edgefield Hussars, Hampton Legion. He was twice married. By his first wife, Kate Goode, he had issue :

1. Pawnee Butler.
2. Pierce Butler.
3. Julian Butler.
4. Goode Butler.

Pierce Butler is a physician, residing in Atlanta.

Julian Butler is a physician, residing in Terrehaute, Indiana.

Julian Butler is a pharmacist, at Brooklyn, New York.

Andrew Pickens Butler was born
He was a captain in the brigade of cavalry, Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by Gen. M.C. Butler, and was captured Oct. 11, 1864, in a skirmish on the R. R. south of Petersburg and taken to Washington and confined in the "Old Capitol" prison. From there he was sent to Fort Delaware, where he remained a prisoner to the close of the war. He

married Maria Burt, and moved to Benton, Louisiana. By this marriage he had issue :

1. Julia Butler.
2. Nina Butler.
3. Maria Butler.
4. Burt Butler.
5. Pickens Butler.

Julia Butler married ——— Creswell, by whom she had issue.

Edward Julian Butler was born
He was killed at the battle of Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862.

Emmala Elizabeth Butler was born August 24, 1800, and died May 24, 1848, at Stoneland's, near Edgefield. In 1819 she married Waddy Thompson, Jr., who served in the State Legislature and in Congress, and was minister to Mexico. By the marriage there was issue :

1. William Butler Thompson, *b.* Aug. 16, 1821.
2. Eliza Williams Thompson, *b.* June 18, 1823.

Leontine Butler was born April 8, 1802. He died September 8, 1827.

James Butler was born March 2, 1761. He was killed with his father at Cloud's Creek, Nov. 7, 1781, before he had reached his twenty-first year.

Thomas Butler was born Nov. 4, 1763. He served under his brother William during the Revolutionary war, and by his marriage with Miss Grigsby left issue :

1. William Butler, *d.* in Florida.
2. Sampson H. Butler.
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- 4.
- 5.

Sampson H. Butler was born

He represented his Congressional district in Congress 1837-1842. By his first marriage, with Miss Quarles, he had issue :

1. Elizabeth Butler.

By his second marriage, with Miss Bryan, there was issue :

1. William Butler, *b.* *d.* 1895.
2. Nicholas Butler.
3. Washington Butler.
4. Leontine Butler.

By his marriage with Mrs. Allston, of Florida, he had issue :

1. Sampson Butler. Lives in Florida.

Elizabeth Butler was born

In 1841

she married with Andrew J. Hammond, of Augusta, and her eldest child bore the name of the colonel Hammond in whose regiment her grand uncle served during the Revolutionary War.¹ The issue of this marriage was :

1. Leroy Hammond, *b.* *d.* 1882
2. Edgar Hammond.
3. Charles Hammond.

Nancy Butler was born Sept. 27, 1765. She married Elisha Brooks, by whom she had issue :

1. Wesley Brooks.
2. Matilda R. Brooks.
3. Lavinia Brooks.

¹ Leroy Hammond to Capt. W. Butler:

Snow Hill Mar. 20 1782

Sir

A general muster of the regiment is ordered on Tuesday next at Charles Williams old place on Turkey creek where you are to attend with your company properly armed by ten oclock in the fore noon You will please let your men know that those who disobey this order will be fined to the utmost extent of the law

I am sir your humble servant
Leroy Hammond

4. Edna Brooks.
5. Elizabeth Brooks.
6. Mary Brooks.
7. Stanmore Brooks.
8. Butler Brooks.

Elizabeth Butler was born Dec. 17, 1766. She married Zachariah Smith Brooks, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, by whom she had issue :

1. Whitefield Brooks.
2. Lucinda Brooks.
3. Behethland Brooks.
4. Nancy Brooks.

Stanmore Butler was born _____ He was a captain U. S. army and, later, Clerk of Court of Edgefield District. He married Ann Patience Youngblood, by whom he had issue :

1. William Butler.
2. Ann Patience Butler.
3. Emmie Butler.

William Butler was born _____ He married
 Claudia Johnson, by whom he had issue :

1. William Butler.
2. Anna Butler.
3. Emmie Butler.

Anna Butler was born . She married John Nicholson, and died

Emma Butler was born . She married William C. Moragne, of Abbeville, in 185-, and by him had issue, one son, residing in Florida.

Ann Patience Butler was born . She married Nathan Lipsecomb Griffin, of Edgefield, in May, 1825, by whom she had issue :

1. Stanmore Griffin.
2. Lipscomb Griffin.
3. William Griffin.
4. Mary Hill Griffin.
5. Ann Patience ¹ Griffin.
6. Elizabeth Griffin.
7. Rebecca Griffin.

Sampson Butler was born February 18, 1769. He married, but left no children.

Sarah Butler ² was born in Virginia and came to South Carolina with her brother about 1772. She married Jacob Smith, by whom she had issue :

1. Luke Smith.
2. Sophia Smith.³

Susan Butler was born in Virginia. She came to South Carolina with her brother about 1772, and married Enoch Grigsby.

¹ The wife of Governor Milledge L. Bonham.

² She buried her brother and nephew after the fight with Cunningham. (*South Carolina in the Revolution*, by McCrady, p. 472.)

³ Sophia Smith married Capt. James Bonham, of Maryland, the father of Milledge, who succeeded Governor Pickens as governor of South Carolina, 1862-1864. (Chapman's *History of Edgefield*.)